Complaint Against Pepsi and Lays Chips

1254. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Authorities in Saugrur, Punjab has lodged a complaint against Pepsi Company India on 3rd January, 2006;

(b) whether it is also a fact that laboratory test of Frito Lays Chips found carbon particles and declared it unfit for human consumptions; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) The Local Health Authority of Sangrur, Punjab has lodged a complaint against Pepsico India Pvt. Ltd. (Frito-Lay-Division) Vill, Channo, District Sangrur on 23-12-2005.

(b) As per the report received from the Govt. of Punjab, it is a fact that the contents of the sample of Frito Lay Chips contained black specks (Carbon Particles). Hence the sample was found adulterated and unfit for human consumption by the Public Analyst, Punjab.

(c) A case has been lodged in the court of law under PFA Act, 1954, against Pepsico India Pvt. Ltd.

Strike of CGHS Medicine Suppliers

1255. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi chemists supplying indented medicines to the Central Government Health Scheme again went on strike in November, 2005;

(b) if so, the duration of the said strike with the reason therefore;

(c) how often the chemists went on strike during 2005 and the duration of each strike;

(d) whether Government are aware that such strikes cause extreme inconvenience and hardship to the CGHS beneficiaries, particularly low paid pensioners; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to put an end to this situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) The authorized local chemists